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# HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



## HOSPITALS

ON October 16 the trustees of the Massachusetts General, Boston, gave a reception at the hospital to celebrate the completion of the new out-patient department, and also to commemorate the discovery of ether. There was an interesting programme and many distinguished guests were present.

Needless to say, all of the building is equipped with the very latest surgical and medical appliances, everything being of the most approved design and calculated to give the best possible results, while patients also have the satisfaction of being in surroundings which are as pleasant as it is possible for a hospital to have. From roof to basement the building is, with the exception of a few rooms, floored with granolithic, assuring the permanence of the cleanliness which makes the interior so attractive at present.

ON September 11, 1903, Dr. Lederle, of the Board of Health, New York, appointed fifty-five health inspectors and thirty nurses to stations where they would meet the public-school children to separate those suffering from contagious diseases from the well before entering the schools on the 14th. The nurses go with the infected ones to their homes and give instruction to the parents how to carry out most efficaciously the prescribed treatment, so that the youngsters may return as soon as possible to their studies.

PLANS have been filed for the new building to be erected for the Women's Hospital, New York, to replace the old hospital at Lexington Avenue and Fiftieth Street. The building will be six stories high, with basement and attic, and have façades of granite, limestone, and terra-cotta. It will occupy the One Hundred-and-Tenth Street front of a plot, three hundred feet front and one hundred and seventy-one feet deep, between One-Hundred-and-Ninth and One-Hundred-and-Tenth Streets.

THE Burrage Hospital on Bumpkin Island, Boston harbor, has during the past summer accommodated two hundred and seven crippled and deformed children, most of whom were suffering from a tubercular bone infection. The hospital is dependent on the excursion-boats, and the time of sojourn is necessarily limited to three months.

PLANS have been filed for a new building to be erected on East Sixtieth Street for the Manhattan Maternity Hospital. The structure will be four stories high and fireproof throughout. There will be four wards (one for babies), four isolating-rooms, a diet kitchen, an operating-room, and an amphitheatre.

THE Sydenham Society has founded a hospital and dispensary at 347 East One-Hundred-and-Sixteenth Street, at which the poor may receive free treatment. The dispensary is situated on the lower floors, and on the upper floors there are twenty beds and an operating-room.

A COURSE of training in emergency surgical work and nursing (?) is to be given this winter at the Charlestown (Mass.) evening high school. Lectures will also be given in advanced physiology.

GROUND has been broken in Albany for a hospital for contagious diseases located near the Albany Hospital. The completion of St. Peter's Hospital is looked for by the end of the month.

A CHINESE hospital, the second of its kind in the United States, has been established on Park Street, New York. Patients, physicians, and nurses are all Chinese.

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SOME OF THE WAYS HOSPITALS ARE BEING AIDED

A PAVILION GIVEN.—A beautiful new pavilion has just been added to St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Pa. This pavilion consists of a ward of twelve beds, a nurses' office, a dining-room for convalescents, and a private ward of five rooms, an examining-room, a parlor, and a solarium. It has every convenience in the way of light and water and store-rooms, and the whole is most beautifully and completely furnished throughout.

In the ward is the handsome bronze tablet, which reads as follows:

"THE SAYRE PAVILION

"In memory of all those who by contribution of their labor or means have aided in making Saint Luke's Hospital helpful to the unfortunate.

"Erected by

"ROBERT HEYSHAM SAYRE,

"A. D. 1903."

Mr. Sayre is one of the most prominent men of this section of the country, and has been intimately connected with and deeply interested in the hospital since its beginning, always having been on the Board of Trustees and at present being the chairman of the Executive Committee.

AN ambulance has been ordered for the Parks Hospital, Glens Falls, and will be ready for use about February 1. The purchase of the ambulance has been made possible through the efforts of Mrs. William W. Maclay, who secured the fund by subscription.

THE Commissioners of Health, New York City, have taken a large house in the Borough of the Bronx and remodelled it as a hospital for the exclusive use of sufferers from trachoma.

By the will of the late Richard W. Foster the Clinton Hospital Association, Clinton, Mass., receives ten thousand dollars.

By the will of the late Royal P. Barry, of Melrose, Mass., the Melrose Hospital receives one thousand dollars.

THE addition to the Medfield Insane Hospital at Medfield, Mass., is to cost eighty thousand dollars.

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TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

FRIENDS of the Boston Floating Hospital for infants will be pleased to know of the successful season of the post-graduate course of ten weeks. The closing exercises were held at the Maverick House on the evening of September 14, and consisted of an illustrated lecture by Dr. Arthur Willard Fairbanks showing special points in observation, and being especially interesting and instructive,

after which the diplomas were presented by the resident physician, Dr. Robert W. Hastings. Much pleasure at and appreciation of the benefit derived from the course were expressed by the nurses at various times. Following are the names of those taking the course this year with the name of the school from which they graduated: Annie W. Brown, Memorial Hospital, Concord, N. H.; Mary F. Baker, Memorial Hospital, Concord, N. H.; Emma W. Case, Pottstown Hospital, Pottstown, Pa.; Helen F. Carr, Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Susanne Clark, Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.; Florence I. Corbet, St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, Minn.; Annie I. Ferguson, Elliot Hospital, Manchester, N. H.; Mary E. Hennessy, Worcester Isolation, Worcester, Mass.; Signe Hammer, Jefferson Medical College Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ida M. Hickox, City Hospital, Worcester, Mass.; Bertha M. Jones, Pottstown Hospital, Pottstown, Pa.; Antoinette Light, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Florence A. McDonald, Whidden Memorial Hospital, Everett, Mass.; Mabel E. Naughton, Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary A. Pepper, University Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.; Florence N. Perdue, Lying-In Hospital, Providence, R. I.; Ella H. Plunkett, City Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Maude L. Parkes, Nathan Littauer Hospital, Gloversville, N. Y.; Martha M. Richards, Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, N. Y.; Marie Schwartz, Nathan Littauer Hospital, Gloversville, N. Y.; Florence Salmon, Grace Hospital, New Haven, Conn.; Laura M. Smith, Lying-In Hospital, Providence, R. I.; Jessica E. Skinner, Woman's Hospital, Chicago, Ill.; Mary E. Shannon, City Hospital, Cincinnati, O.; Harriet L. Turver, Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

THE Training-School of Nurses of the Cleveland General Hospital recently graduated a class of eleven young women, the exercises being held in the auditorium of the hospital. The front of the room was banked with American Beauty roses, autumn boughs, and white drapings, forming the class colors, red and white, and every seat was taken when the class entered the room.

An interesting and appropriate programme had been prepared, consisting of an address of welcome by Dr. J. B. McGee, a vocal solo by Miss Pauline Hilker, and a piano solo by Anthony L. Maresh. The following is the personnel of the class: Nellie Prendergast, Malvern, O.; Martha Woodhouse, Dublin, Ireland; Edith Trimstead, Durham, Ont.; Nora Conroy, Wakeman, O.; Sarah E. Kellackey, Cleveland, O.; Ida Steurmer, Preston, Ont.; Blanche Rhodebeck, Woodview, O.; Emma Firestone, Fredericksburg, O.; Louisa Schinke, Pemberville, O.; Agnes Richardson, Ravenna, O., and Edith Biggs, Elyria, O.

THE graduating exercises of the Mack Training-School in connection with the General Hospital, St. Catharines, Ontario, Can., took place at the Court-House September 7, 1903, and the large number present testified to the interest which the citizens of St. Catharines take in the institution. Shortly after eight P.M. Miss Hollingworth, superintendent, entered the room followed by the three graduating nurses and nine pupil nurses. A short programme was prepared, consisting of solos, vocal and instrumental. Addresses were given by Mr. Laurie, chairman of the meeting, Mayor Burgoyne, Rev. Mr. Pickering, and Rev. Dr. Smith.

CHANGES among the officers of St. Luke's Training-School, Chicago, are as follows: Miss E. G. Rogers, 1900, has been appointed assistant superintendent; Miss Grace D. Van Kirk, 1903, to succeed Miss Rogers as surgical nurse; Miss Alberta Gage, St. Luke's, Chicago, 1901, former assistant superintendent St.

Luke's Training-School, Chicago, has been appointed superintendent of the Danville Training-School for Nurses, Lake View Hospital, Danville, Ill.; Miss Lois R. Williams, St. Luke's, Chicago, 1903, has gone to Christ's Hospital, Topeka, Kan., where she will be in charge of the operating-room.

THE Waltham Training-School for Nurses begins its new term. Heretofore the students were required to remain in the school three and one-half years before graduating, but the officials have decided to extend the course six months.

A change which goes into effect with the present term is relative to the ages of women desiring to enter. A nurse may now enter if she is eighteen years old and possesses the necessary qualifications. In previous years she was obliged to be at least twenty-one. No one over thirty-five is received.

THE Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia recently received a donation of two thousand five hundred dollars for a Nurses' Home. Money was also received for a new Dispensary Building and another wing to the hospital. The latter is to contain three wards. Work on the Dispensary Building is to be begun at once, and it is hoped that all the buildings will be completed within a year.

MISS ALICE M. HODGSON, matron of the General Hospital at New Britain, Conn., for the past two years, has been elected matron of the Malden Hospital by the Board of Trustees of that institution. She was trained at the Boston City Hospital. Previous to going to New Britain she was matron of the Whidden Hospital at Everett, Mass.

THE post-graduate course connected with the Free Hospital for Women, Brookline, Mass., has proven very satisfactory. The applicants have been well-trained graduates from excellent schools. Their work has been very efficient and reflects great credit on their previous training. The classes begin October 1 and February 15.

A CATHOLIC women's association in Brooklyn, L. I., has organized a class of "Nazarene Nurses." This course is not intended to produce registered trained nurses, but simply helpers to settlement workers, missionaries, and physicians in their labors among the destitute sick. The course comprises ten weeks.

On September 9 Mr. John Ross Robertson gave an "at home" at the Lakeside Hospital, Toronto Island, to which all the nurses of the city were invited. The weather was perfect and a large number of nurses were present. Miss Brent and her assistant received the guests.

THE third class of hospital apprentices to be graduated from the Naval Hospital at Norfolk, Va., received their diplomas on the second instant. The class of thirty-five were highly congratulated on their efficiency by Surgeon-General Rixley, who presented the diplomas.

MISS ADA CARR, for some years assistant superintendent at the Johns Hopkins Training-School and later in charge of the Visiting Nurses' Society of Baltimore, has been appointed superintendent of nurses at the Newport Hospital, Newport, R. I.

MISS MARY E. LENT, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training-School, has been appointed head nurse of the Visiting Nurses' Society of Baltimore.

STRATFORD, Ont., is about to erect a nurses' residence in connection with its Training-School.

**PERSONAL**

MISS MARY S. LITTLEFIELD, a graduate of Bellevue and for the past eleven years superintendent of nurses at the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, has resigned the position and severed her connection with the school October 1. Miss Ada Payne, chief nurse of the Children's Hospital, San Francisco, Cal., will succeed her.

MISS CATHARINE DUNLOP, of the New York Training-School for Nurses, has resigned her position of superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, for a much needed rest. Mrs. Mary Marquis, her assistant, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, has also resigned her position.

MISS M. L. FUNK, graduate of Jefferson Hospital Training-School, has returned from a Western trip, during which she visited places of interest in Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Ogden, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other places in California.

MISS MARION LITTLE, Class of 1900, University of Maryland, has resigned as superintendent of nurses at the Mission Hospital, Asheville, N. C., to accept a similar position at the Homœopathic Hospital, Washington, D. C., October 1, 1903.

MISS A. GOODRICH, superintendent of the New York Hospital Training-School, will be "at home" to the nurses during the winter on the first Wednesday evening of every month from half-past eight to ten o'clock.

MISS H. J. EWING, superintendent of nurses, Free Hospital for Women, Brookline, Mass., has returned from an interesting European trip, having visited the hospitals in Great Britain and on the Continent.

MISS HONOR MORTEN, of London, England, visited Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses during the past month and presented a copy of Dr. J. K. Watson's book on nursing to the nurses' library.

MISS ALICE L. MACDONNELL, graduated from the New York Hospital Training-School in 1898, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Physicians' and Surgeons' Hospital at San Antonio, Tex.

MISS BELLE MACPHERSON succeeds Miss Estabrook as superintendent of the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, N. H. By the will of the late Charles Chase the hospital receives ten thousand dollars.

MISS ELIZABETH M. HEWITT, graduate of Columbia and Children's Hospitals, has accepted a position in the Washington College for Young Ladies, Washington, D. C.

MISS E. R. BAILY, late superintendent of Brightlook Hospital, St. Johnsbury, Vt., with Miss Marion C. Folsom, has just returned from a trip abroad.

MISS M. L. WYCHE, late president of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association, has recently taken charge of the Watts Hospital at Durham, N. C.

MISS ANNIE McDOWELL, matron of the Newton (Mass.) Hospital since 1892, has tendered her resignation, to take effect April 1, 1904.

MISS ISABEL MOODIE and Miss Mary Graham arrived safely in Dawson City on September 7. The journey was a most delightful one.

MISS MAREB ALLEN has been appointed head nurse of the Ross Memorial Hospital. She entered upon her duties September 1.

MISS MABLE STOCK has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses, Presbyterian Hospital, Allegheny, Pa.

MISS MARY ALLEN left Toronto on September 26 to return to her work in China as missionary.

MISS NELLIE MILLER is now lady superintendent, General Hospital, Brockville, Ont.



**PRELIMINARY EDUCATION FOR NURSES ENTERING TRAINING-SCHOOLS.**—The *Journal of the American Medical Association* has a short editorial on this subject:

“Of the utility of the trained nurse there is no longer any ground for discussion. From having originally been a luxury, to be availed of only by the wealthy few, she has become an every-day necessity, whose services are in constant demand among all classes of the community. In the process of evolution, the requirements of a good nurse have been gradually increased, and for the fulfilment of these the courses of study have necessarily been lengthened and the character of instruction has been correspondingly modified. Training in the mere practice of nursing can no longer be considered sufficient, but a thorough grounding in the principles of the work has come to be looked on as an important prerequisite. Like the medical student, so the pupil-nurse should come equipped for her pursuit with special as well as general educational qualifications. A plea upon these lines has recently been made by Dr. Francis P. Denny, and to meet the present need he lays down the following urgent requirements: 1. Leisure for study. 2. Instruction in the principles of nursing before beginning practical work. 3. Instruction by those especially fitted to teach. 4. Improved methods of instruction. That this need has been appreciated, in part at least, by others, and that steps have already been taken to provide the remedy, is shown by the announcement of the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia for 1903-4, that at the solicitation of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell and the superintendents of the leading nurses' training-schools of Philadelphia the Drexel Institute has undertaken to organize a preparatory course of instruction for such training-schools, including the subjects of anatomy and physiology, medical chemistry, materia medica, hygiene, bacteriology, domestic science and economics, as well as English language, vocal expression, and physical training. The course occupies about thirty-six weeks, and is divided into two terms. Certificates will be issued to those who complete the full course and pass the required examination. It is possible that work of a like character has been undertaken elsewhere, but it seems worth while to make a record of the beginning of a movement whose influence is likely to be most useful and far-reaching. Further, the experience gained from this work may serve as a guide to others engaged in other places in similar work. It is fitting that grateful acknowledgment be made of the part taken in the movement by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, who has always exhibited the greatest interest in nursing and nurses, and who has in many ways done so much for the uplifting of his profession.”